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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Allegation of claiming of salary irregularly for the absence period while on deputation at the O/o. the MPDO, Dagadarthi, SPSR Nellore District in respect of Sri P. Kamal Suresh Babu, Junior Assistant, O/o. the EE, PR, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District – Common disciplinary proceedings and charges framed against **Smt. Ch. V. Satyavathi, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works),** O/o. the Executive Engineer, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District - Charge proved in inquiry report of Member, C.O.I & IA dt:29.10.2021 - Representation received – Imposition of punishment of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect under Rule 9 (vi) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.486 **Dated:10.08.2023.**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, Letter C.No. 5/RE-NNL/2011, dated: 1.6.2016.
2. U.O. Note No. 328559/304/WA/Admn.II/2016, Dt:01.09.2016 of Finance (Admn.II) Department
3. G.O.Rt.No. 785, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dated: 30.11.2017.
4. G.O.Rt.No.792, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dated: 30.11.2017.
5. From Smt. Ch. V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali and presently working as DAO (w), PRI Division, Ongole, written statement of defence dt: Nil (rec. on 28.06.2018).
6. G.O.Rt.No.27, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt: 22.01.2021.
7. From Sri K. Venkata Ramireddy, Member, Commissionerate of Inquiries, GAD and Inquiry Authority, D.O.Letter.No.02/COI-KVR/2021, Dated:29.10.2021.
8. Govt. Memo. No. 8245/Vig.II/2016-15, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated:09.02.2022.
9. From Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali and presently working as DAO (w), PRI Division, Ongole, representation dt: 15.05.2022.
10. Govt. Letter No.8245/Vig.II/2016-21, Dated:24.07.2023.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.219/DC&C/2023, Dated:09.08.2023.

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ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P, made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegation of claiming of salary irregularly for the absence period while on deputation at the O/o. the MPDO, Dagadarthi, SPSR Nellore

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District, in respect of Sri P. Kamal Suresh Babu, Junior Assistant, O/o. the EE, PR, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District and as per the consent accorded by the Finance (Admn.II) Department vide reference 2nd read above, Government, among others, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of said Rules vide references 3rd and 4th read above against Smt. Ch. V. Satyavathi, Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), O/o. the Executive Engineer, PR Division, Kavali, SPSR Nellore District, with a direction to submit her written statement of defence :

Charge :

That Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, while working as Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali from 17.07.2010 to 31.12.2010 failed to intimate about non-receipt of duty certificate and unauthorized absence of Sri Kamal Suresh Babu for 168 days from 17.07.2010 to 31.12.2010 to the Executive Engineer, PR, Kavali while preparing pay and allowances of Sri Kamal Suresh Babu, thereby causing loss to the Government.

Thus, Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, while working as Divisional Accounts Officer (Works), Panchayat Raj Division, Kavali by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. servant and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) & (2) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. In the reference 5th read above, the charged officer Smt. Ch. V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali and presently working as DAO (w), PRI Division, Ongole, has submitted her written statement of defence.

3. Government have not satisfied with the Written Statement Defence submitted by Charged Officer and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter against the charged officer Smt. Ch. V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali including against eight (8) other co-charged officers involved in the case. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, Government have entrusted the case to Commissionerate of Inquiries and appointed Sri K. Venkata Ramireddy, Member, C.O.I, G.A. Department as the Inquiring Authority under Rule 20 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against all the nine (9) Charged Officers into the matter.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Member, C.O.I & Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report dt:29.10.2021, wherein the Inquiry Officer has held that charge framed against the charged officer Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali, is held proved, among others.

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5. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated a copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Smt. Ch. V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali, as per Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for her representation if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, Divisional Accounts Officer (works) has submitted representation dt:15.05.2022 stating that as per the inquiry report that there was no IOTA of evidence and also there was no piece of evidence of her collusion with Charged Officer-1 Sri P. Kamal Suresh Babu, Junior Assistant for drawing of salary for the absent period. As per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.NO.13, I&CAD. Department, dt: 15.01.1998 that there is no statutory responsibility of DAO to deal with the establishment matters of ministerial staff and as such she is not responsible. The C.O.-1 also remitted the entire amount and there is no loss. She has requested to consider her representation and disagreed with the findings of I.A and to exonerate her from the charge.

7. Government have examined the matter with reference to the material made available and observe that the Chief Executive Officer, ZPP, Nellore vide Procs. Rc. No.A2/5581/06, dt:10.08.2007 issued orders in respect of Sri P. Kamal Suresh Babu, Junior Assistant, O/o. the EE, PR Division, Kavali for deputation to the O/o. the MPDO, Dagadarthi Mandal, with a direction therein to the E.E, PR, Kavali to relieve the individual from PR Division, Kavali and to claim salary upon receipt of duty certificate from the O/o. the MPDO, Dagadarthi Mandal. Accordingly, the C.O.-1 Sri P. Kamal Suresh Babu, Junior Assistant was got relieved from the O/o. the EE, PR, Kavali on 16.08.2007 itself to O/o. the MPDO, Dagadarthi Mandal on deputation basis. As per the above proceedings, the O/o. the EE, PR, Kavali has to draw the pay and allowance of above individual only upon a duty certificate received from the O/o.the MPDO, Dagadarthi. Whereas the charged officer Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, having been worked as DAO in the O/o. the EE, PR, Kavali from the period 17.07.2010 to 31.12.2010 had failed to intimate about non- receipt of duty certificate and unauthorized absence of Sri Kamal Suresh Babu for (168) days from 17.07.2010 to 31.12.2010 to the Executive Engineer, PR, Kavali while preparing pay and allowances of Sri Kamal Suresh Babu. Her contention that as per the above G.O she is not responsible and the C.O.-1 also remitted the amount to Govt. and there no loss and to request to exonerate her, is devoid of merits as she is not absolved from the charge.

8. Government, after examination of the matter, have taken a decision to impose a punishment of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect as per Rule 9 (vi) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, against the charged officer Smt. Ch. V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali and presently working as DAO (W), PRI Division, Ongole, since

the charge is held proved against her and addressed the A.P. Public Service Commission for their concurrence vide reference 10th read above.

9. In the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission has communicated the consent of the Commission to impose the above penalty against the charged officer and advised to take action accordingly.

10. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby impose the punishment of withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect against Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali and presently working as DAO (W), PRI Division, Ongole under Rule 9 (vi) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, in the matter.

11. The Director of Works Accounts, A.P, Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Works Accounts, A.P, Vijayawada.
The Finance (Admn.II) Department.
Smt. Ch.V. Satyavathi, former Divisional Accounts Officer (works), PR Division, Kavali and presently working as DAO (w), PRI Division, Ongole. **(through** the Director of Works Accounts, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish served copy to Government).

Copy to:
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR&RD Department.
PS to Spl. CS to Govt, PR&RD Department.
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